

FIG. 1

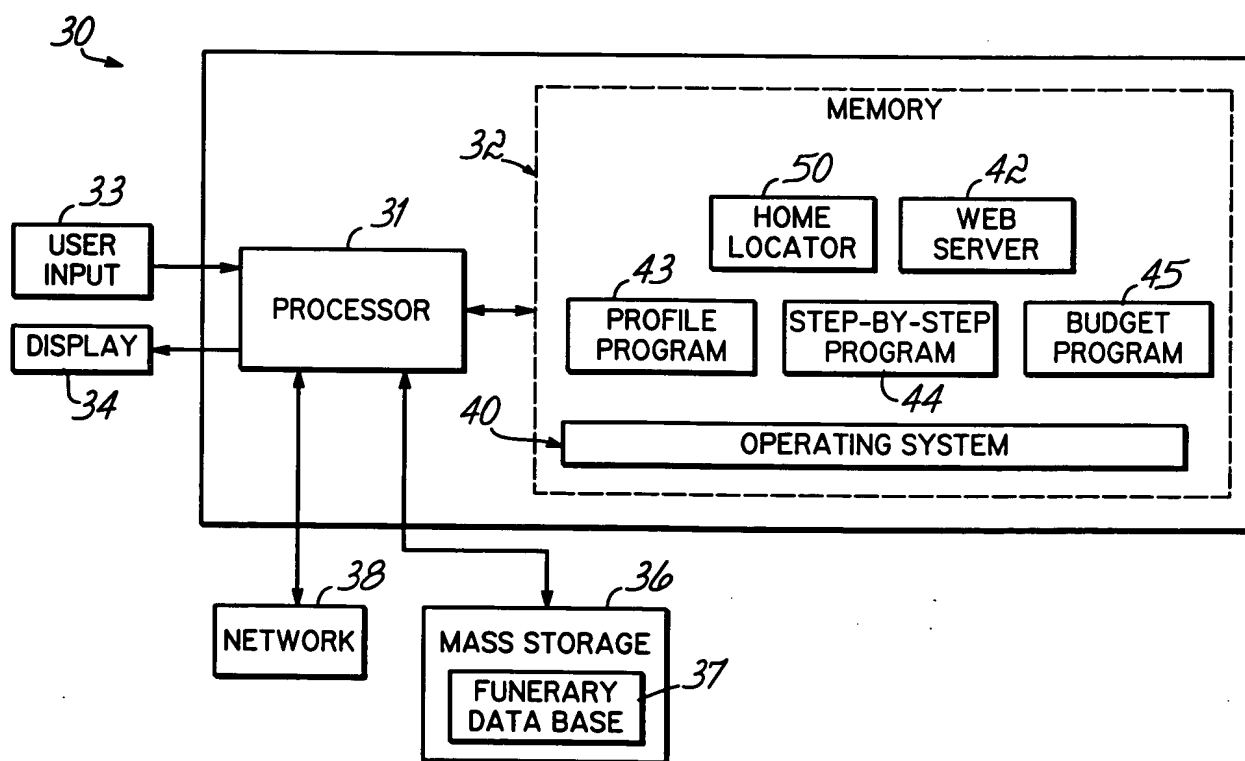


FIG. 2

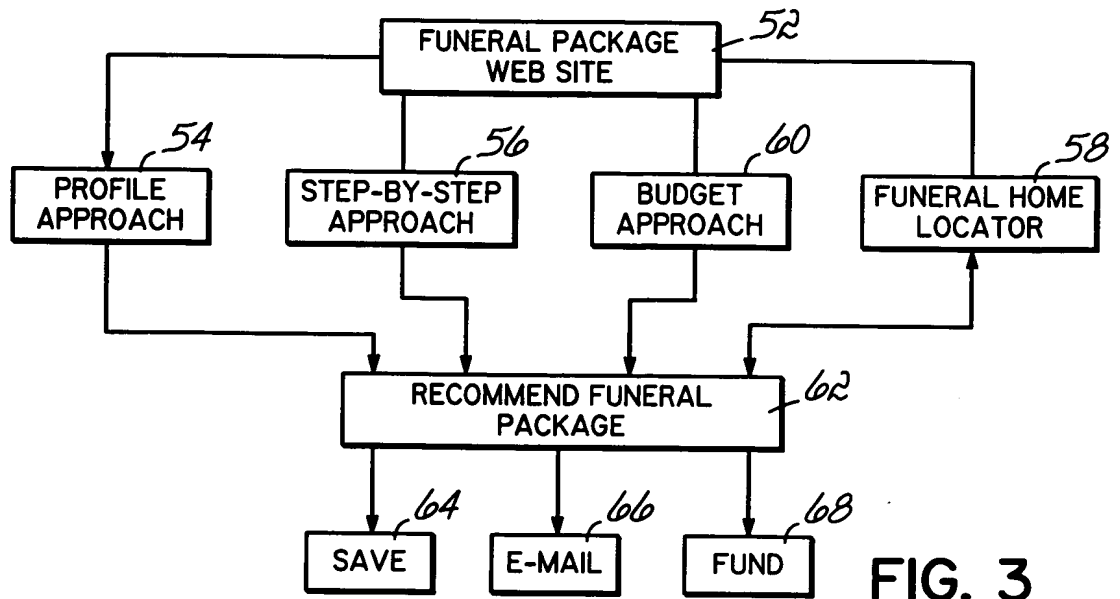


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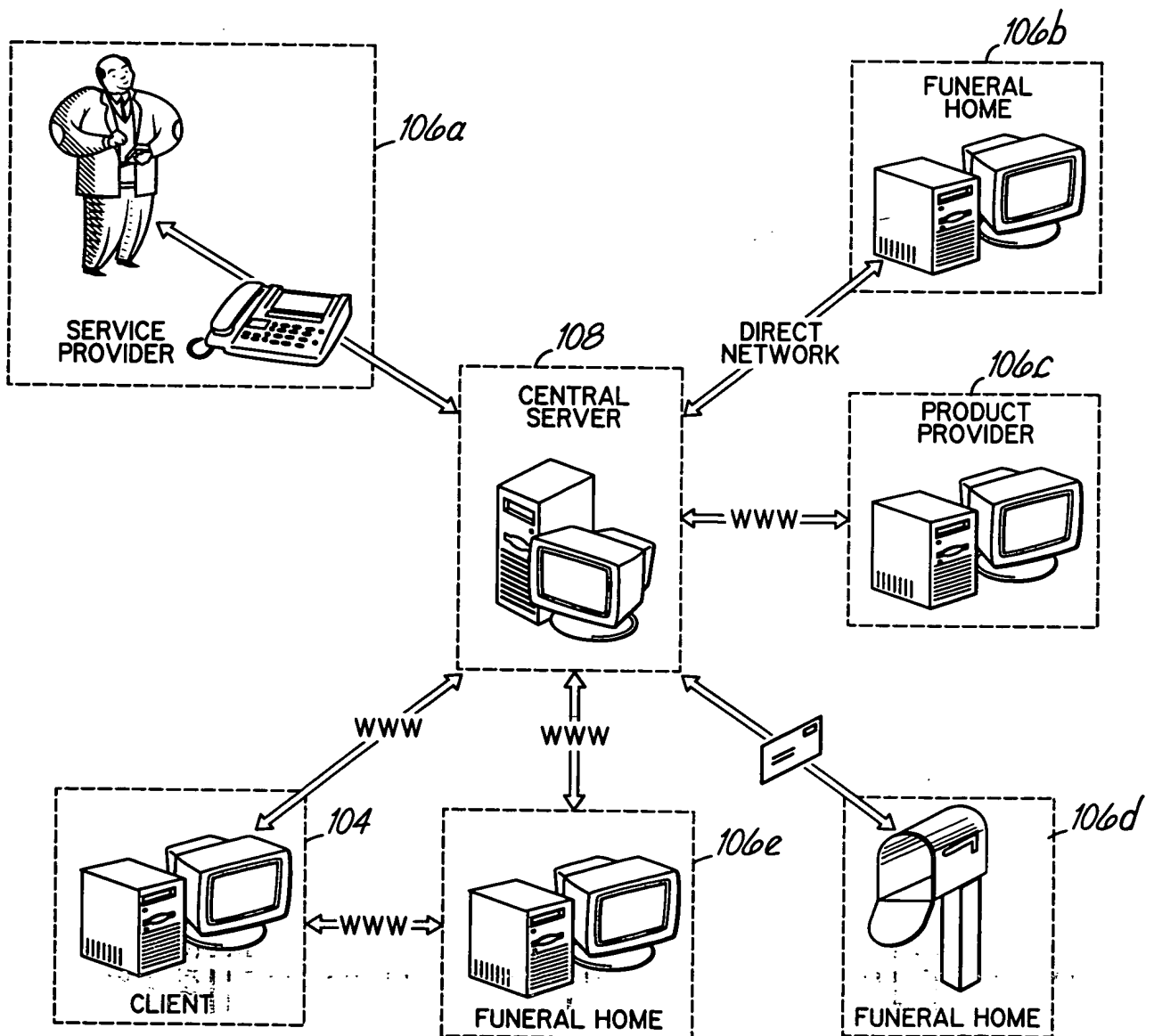


FIG. 5

FIG. 4 is a block diagram of a system for providing funeral services. The system includes a user interface (70) for receiving input from a user, a database (72) for storing funeral service information, and a processor (74) for processing the input and retrieving information from the database. The database (72) is divided into two main sections: a first section (76) containing information related to funeral arrangements (e.g., CASKET / URN, BURIAL CONTAINER, DONATIONS, CANDLES, EULOGY / READINGS, TREE / GARDENS, PALLBEARERS, GRIEF ASSISTANCE, PROFESSIONAL STAFF, CERTIFICATES, GIFT BASKET, MEMORIAL MARKER, ONLINE REMEMBRANCE, TRANSPORTATION, AUTOBIOGRAPHY, NOTIFICATIONS, PERSONAL DATA, FUNERAL HOME) and a second section (78) containing information related to funeral services (e.g., OBITUARY, OUTER BURIAL CONTAINER, FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS, BURIAL GARMENTS, MAPS, SIGNAGE, INTERMENT SUPPLIES, COSMETOLOGY, MAINTENANCE, CREMATION, VAULTS, EMBALMING, FUNERAL SERVICES, INSURANCE, LAST WISHES, CARDS, BENEFITS, CEMENTERY). The processor (74) is also connected to a weighted scale (80) which is used to evaluate the funeral services based on various factors (e.g., PRICING, EDUCATION, PROVIDER ID, CONTACT #'S, PARAMETER, WRITTEN DESCRIPTION, IMAGE, AVAILABILITY, SESSION ID, LOCATION, WEB LINK). The weighted scale (80) is further divided into two main sections: a first section (82) containing information related to funeral arrangements (e.g., PRICING, EDUCATION, PROVIDER ID, CONTACT #'S, PARAMETER, WRITTEN DESCRIPTION, IMAGE, AVAILABILITY, SESSION ID, LOCATION, WEB LINK) and a second section (84) containing information related to funeral services (e.g., USER ID, SESSION ID, PERSONAL/CONTACT, CONNECTION ID, PASSWORD, STORED PLANS, STORED RESPONSES, TIME STAMP).

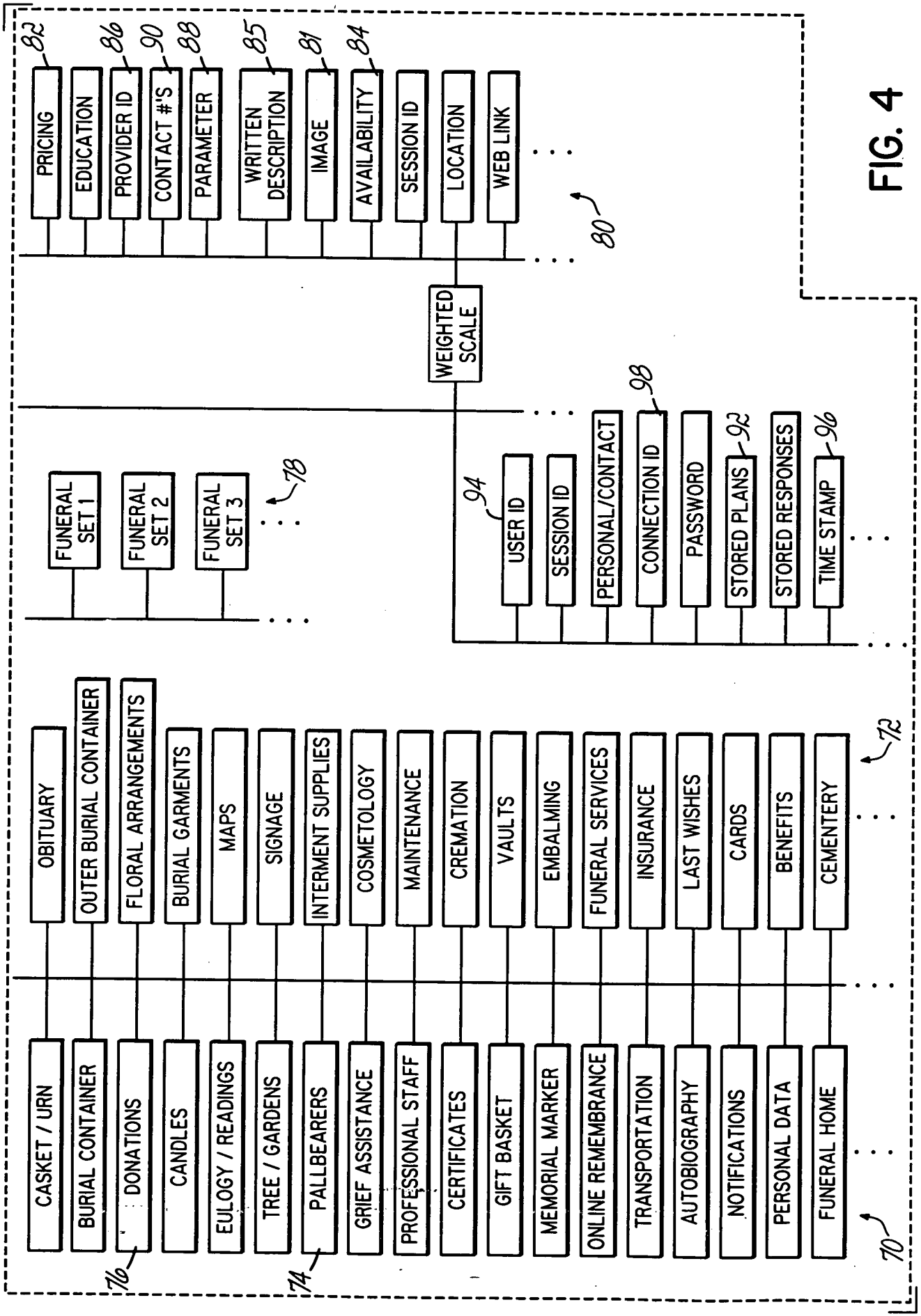


FIG. 4

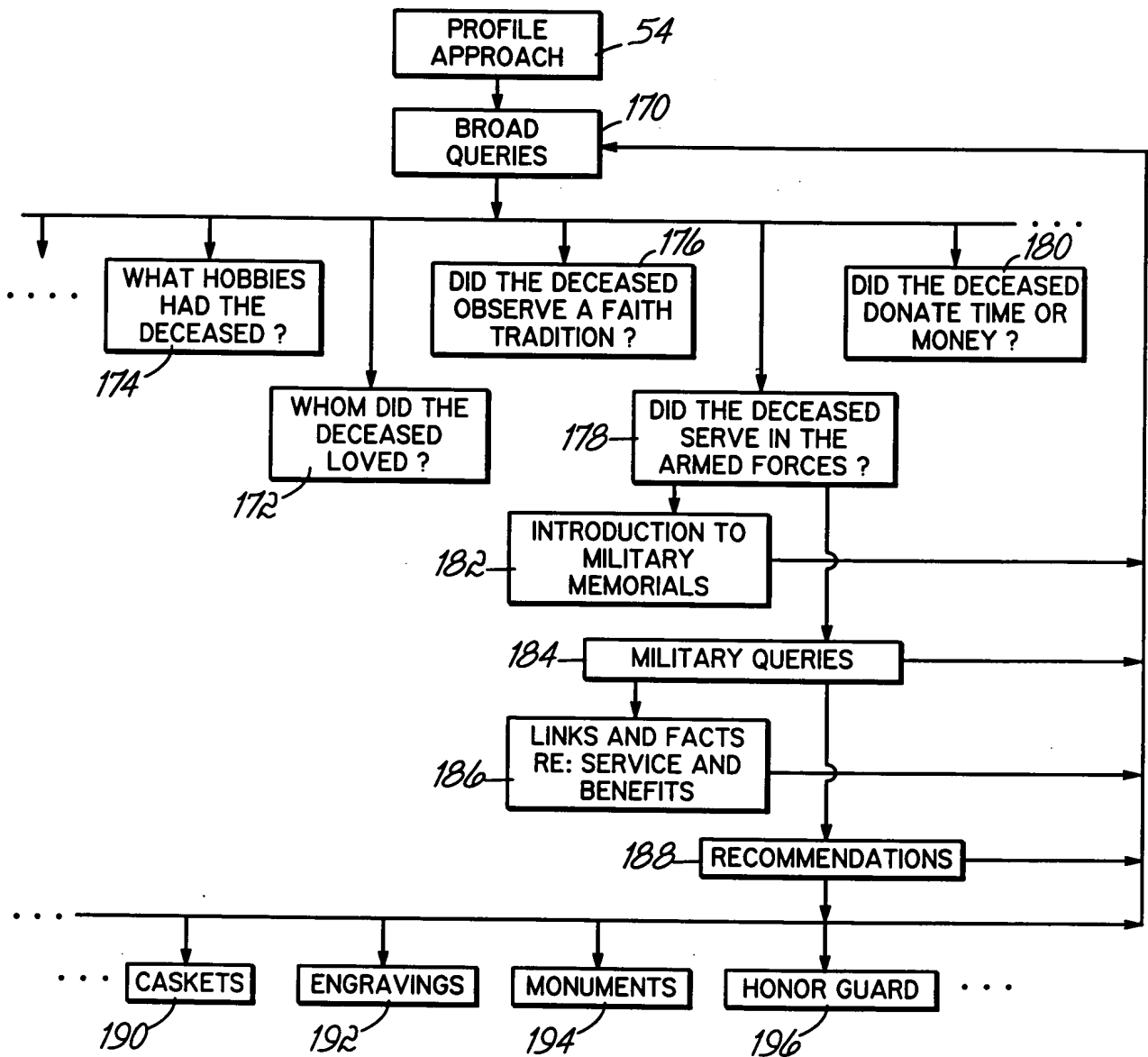


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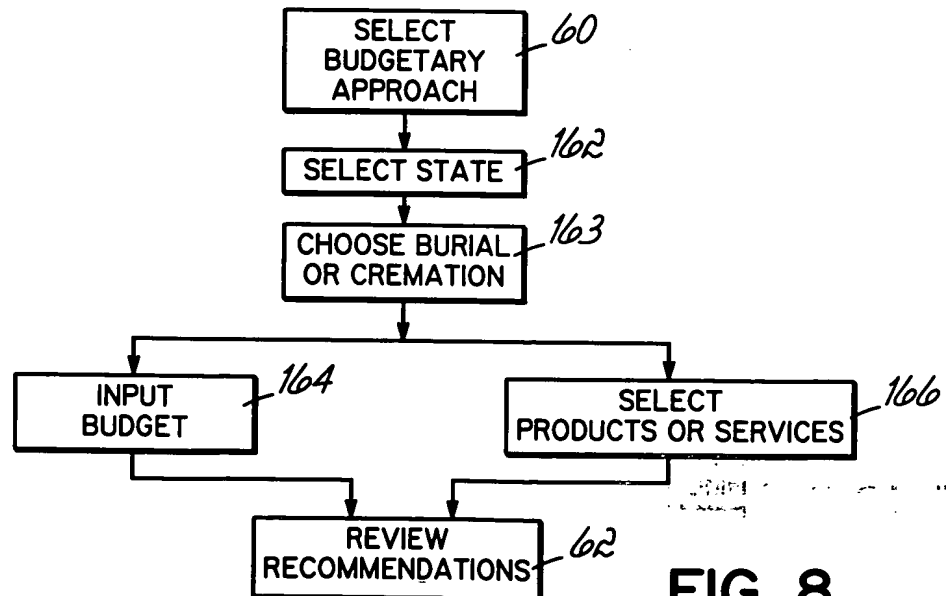


FIG. 8

1. A method of providing funeral services, comprising:
 2. receiving information from a user;
 3. processing the information to determine the funeral services to be provided;
 4. providing the funeral services to the user.

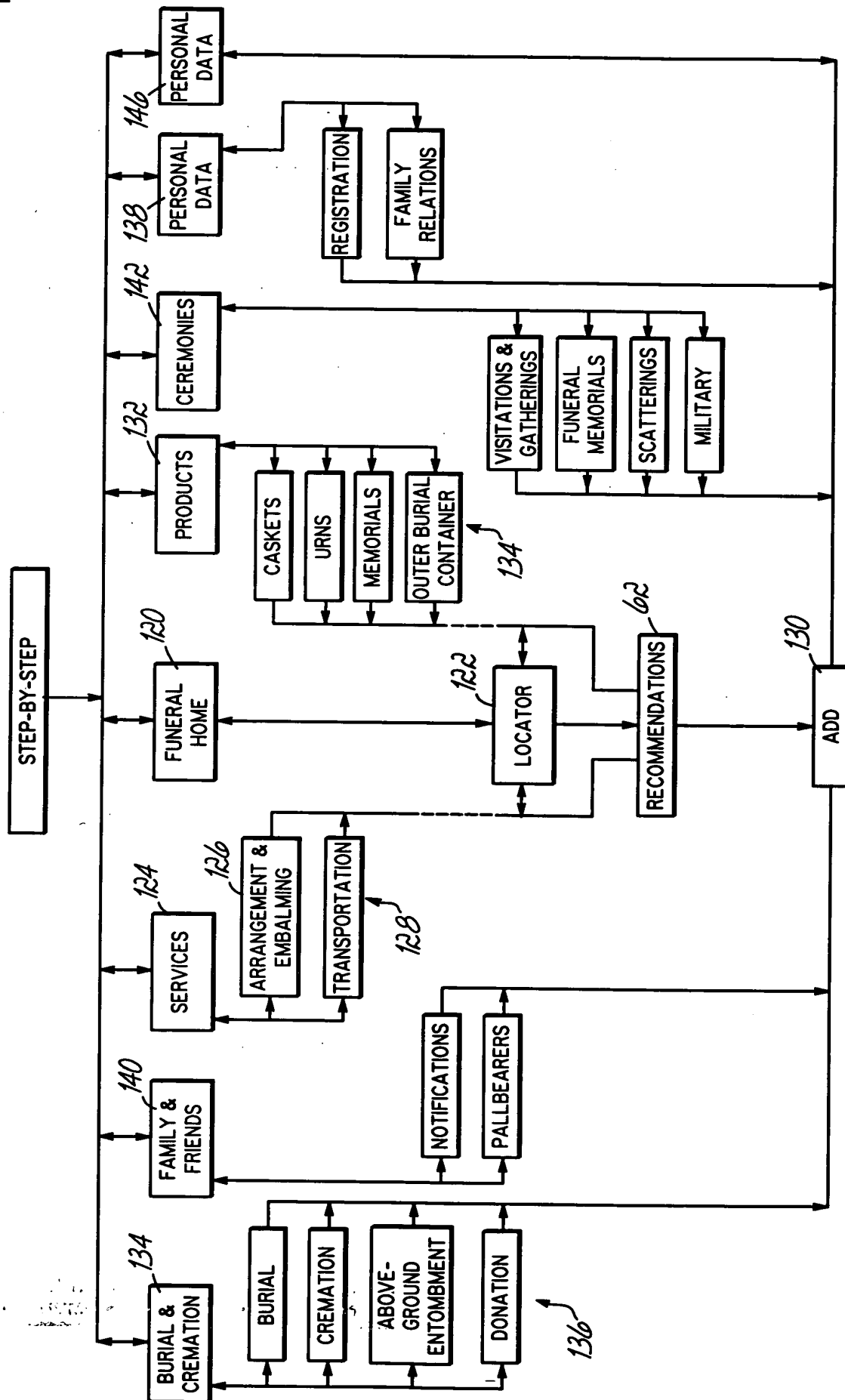


FIG. 7

GUIDED PLANNER

Funeral Home Finder

Simply enter your zip code or city and state, and you can view information for funeral homes in your area, as well as arrange for a funeral home advisor to contact you.

Enter Zip Code

Search within how many miles?

or

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City

and State

Or, if you already know of a funeral home, enter it here to find it in the Forethought Funeral directory.

Name

Address (Optional)

Submit

City

State

Zip Code

FIG. 9

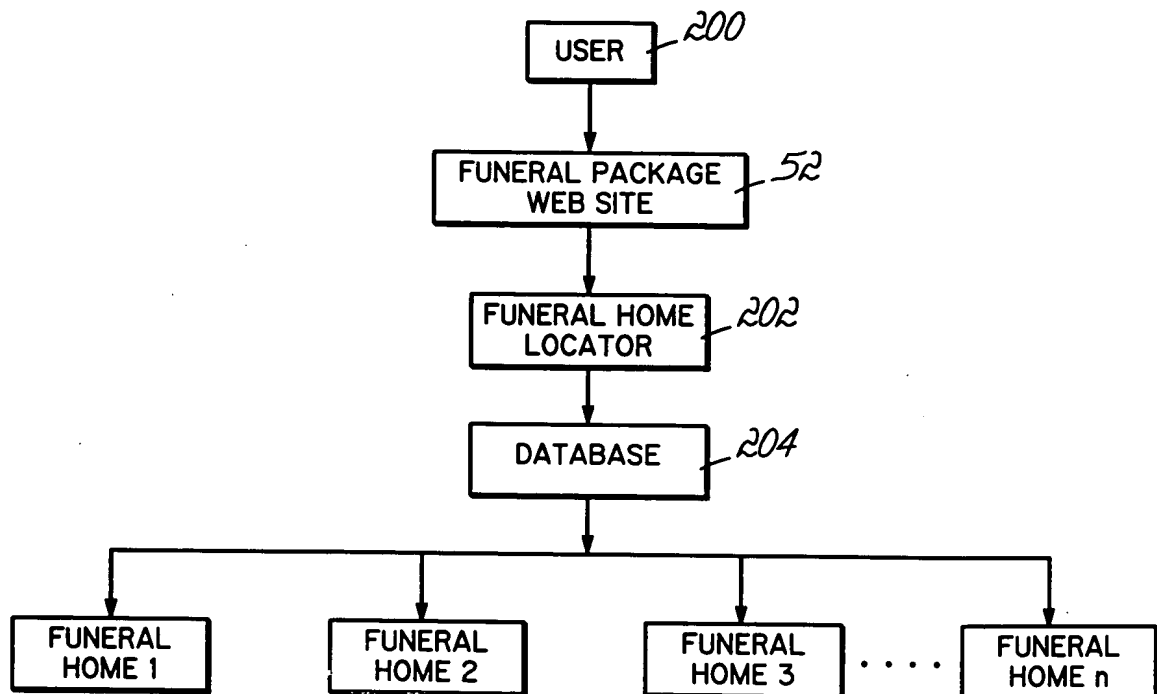


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